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**CONVICTED FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO
POSSESSION OF A MODIFIED SHOTGUN**

– Prior felony assault conviction

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **ROGER ANTHONY JONES**, age 59, of 1227 Starke Avenue, Paducah, Kentucky, **pled guilty** to the knowing possession of an unregistered weapon made from a shotgun while he was a convicted felon.

The maximum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and 3 years supervised release.

Jones admitted that on June 15, 2006, in McCracken County, Kentucky, he possessed a shotgun that had been modified so that the barrel was less than 15 inches in length. At that time, **Jones** had been convicted in May 1993 of a felony, Third Degree Assault, in McCracken Circuit Court. In addition, **Jones** admitted that the firearm had traveled in interstate commerce and had not been registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Sparks, and was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Paducah Police Department. **This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire** is a cooperative effort by

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the McCracken County Commonwealth Attorney's Office, the United States Attorney's Office, and local and federal law enforcement to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

The plea was entered before Hon. Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, Paducah, Kentucky.

Jones is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Russell on January 25, 2007, at 12:00 noon, in Paducah, Kentucky.

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